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**SILVER THE
HEDGEHOG**
YOUNG PSYCHIC



**PROFESSOR
VON SCHLEMMER**
ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR



THE BITS
BYTE-SIZED
ROBOT HELPERS.



**GOLD THE
TENREC**
EX-COUNCIL, TELEPATH



THE COUNCIL
ONYX CITY'S
BENEVOLENT LEADERS

Welcome to the Sonic Comic Universe—a world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games!

Where Silver the Hedgehog and his new friends have fallen into the clutches of a monstrous power!

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PREVIOUSLY...

GOLD STANDARD!

Welcome to the future,
200 years from Sonic and the
Freedom Fighters' present!



Silver the Hedgehog and his
new friend, **Professor Von Schlemmer** are on a
race to save their world from a disastrous force
of nature—the **Genesis Portals**! The portals are
shards of broken reality that threaten to tear apart
all of space-time... or worse!

Although the **Onyx City Council** didn't seem
interested in helping, mysterious telepathic
messages guided Silver and Von Schlemmer to a
secret ally within the Council—**Gold the Tenrec**!
She knows what's coming, and she'll do anything
she can to stop it!



But the rest of the Council have revealed their true
colors and captured our intrepid trio—will they be able
to escape the Council's clutches?

Then again... the Council may be the
least of their problems...



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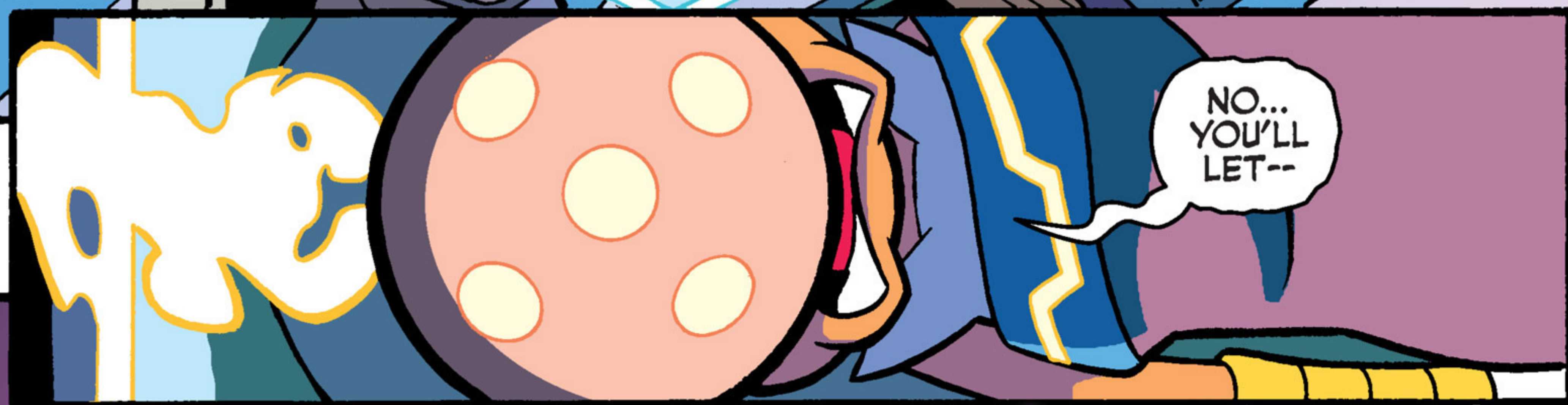
**SILVER THE
HEDGEHOG**
...ANOTHER
RESTRAINED
PSYCHIC

YES.

**THE COUNCIL
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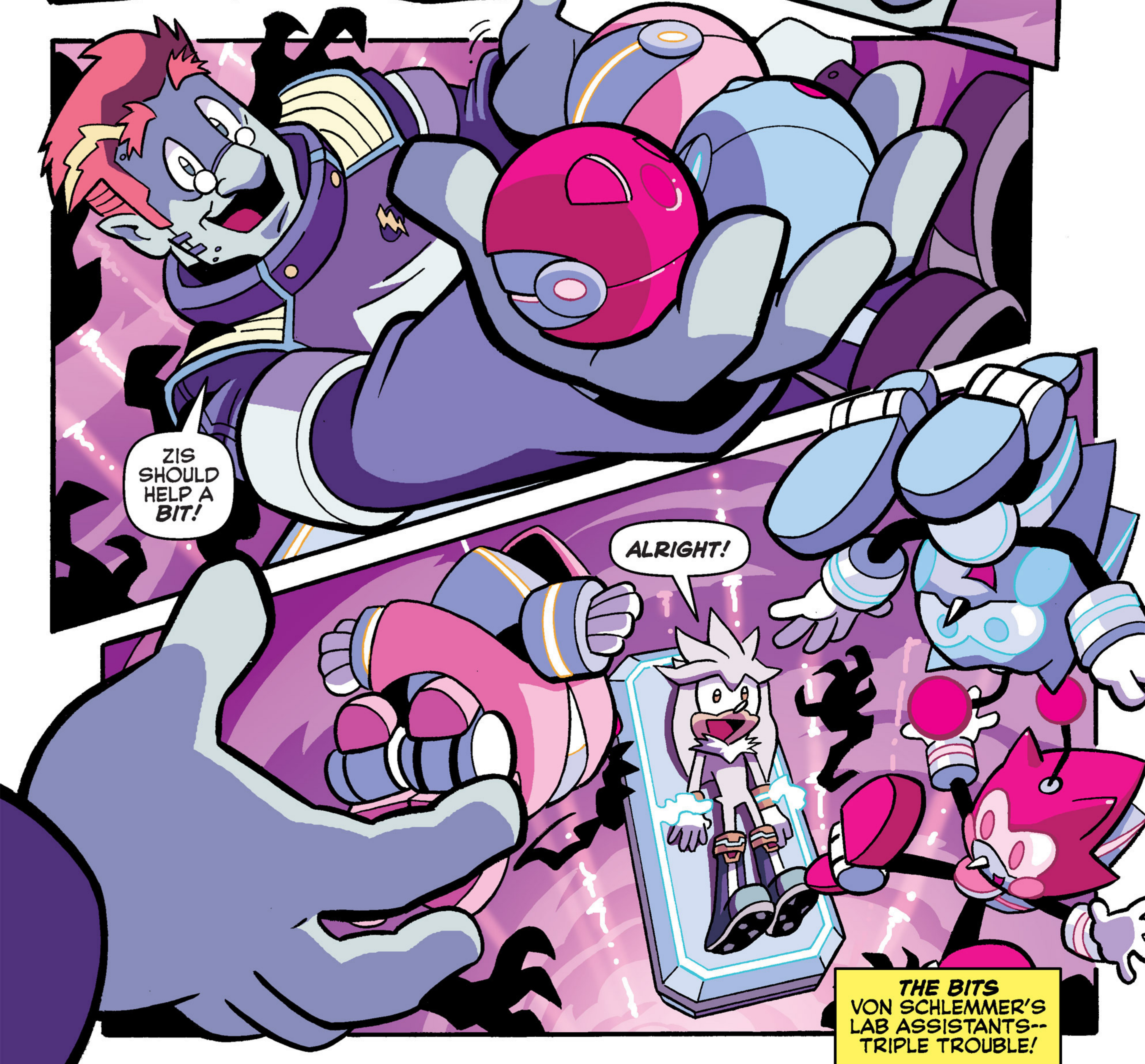
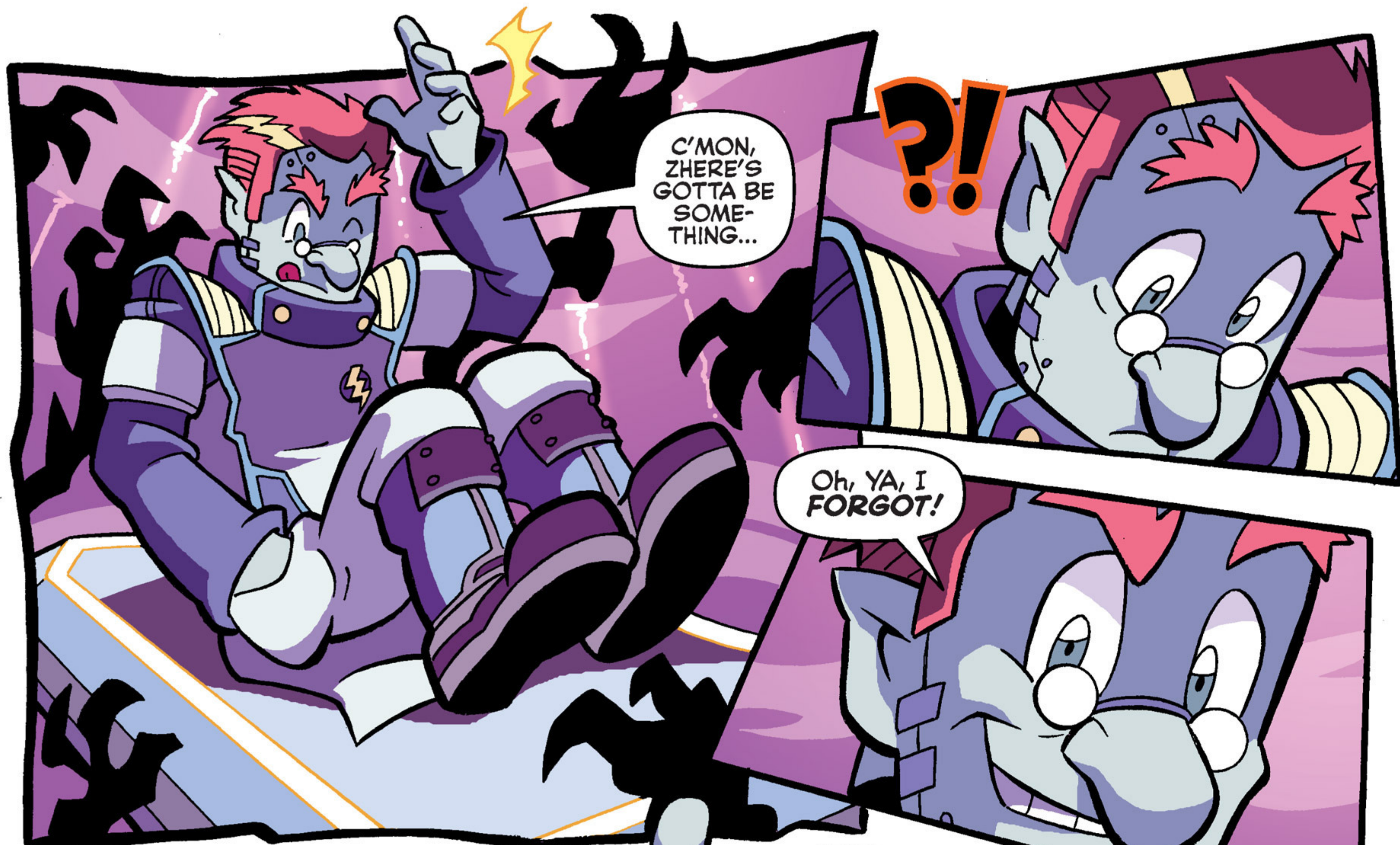


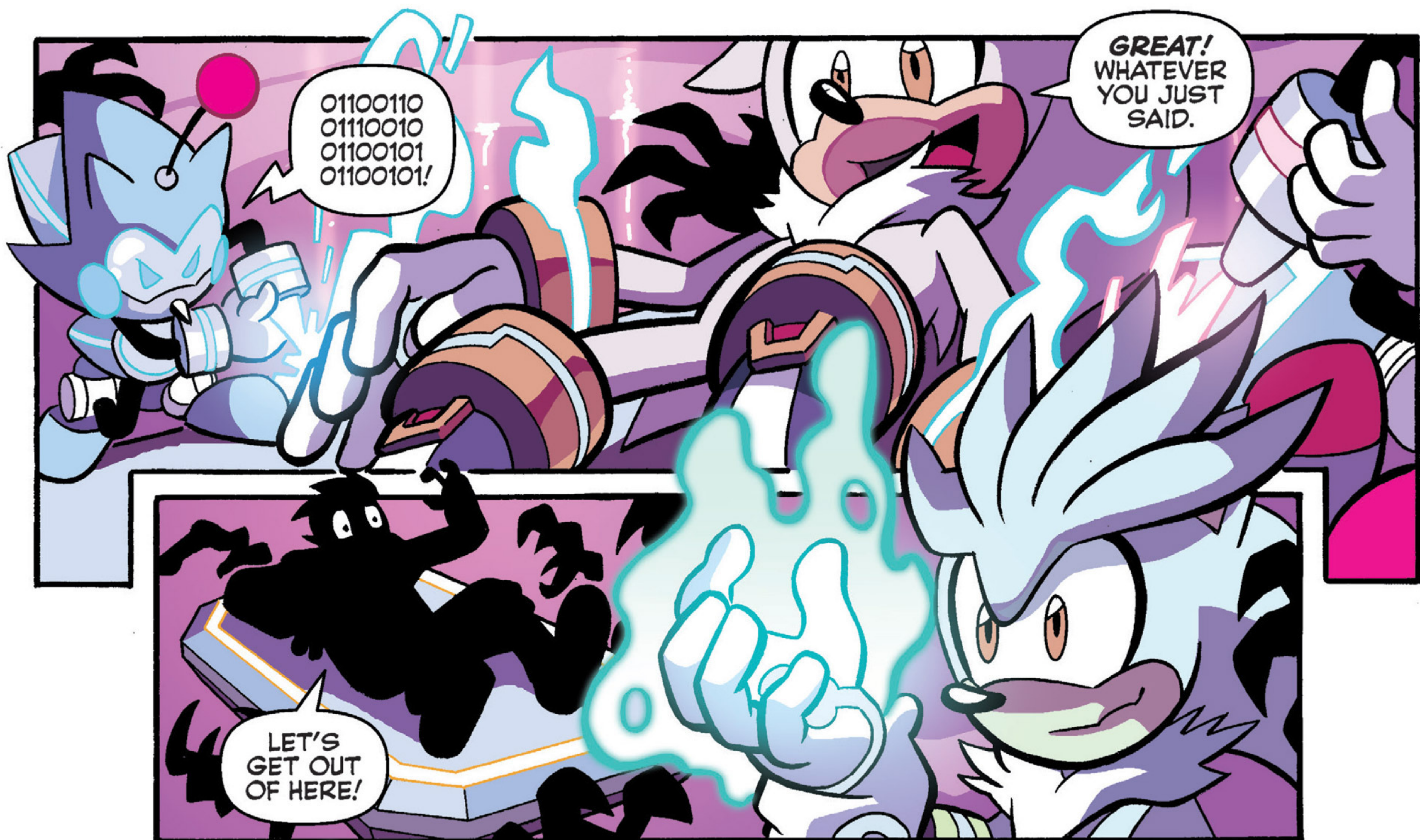
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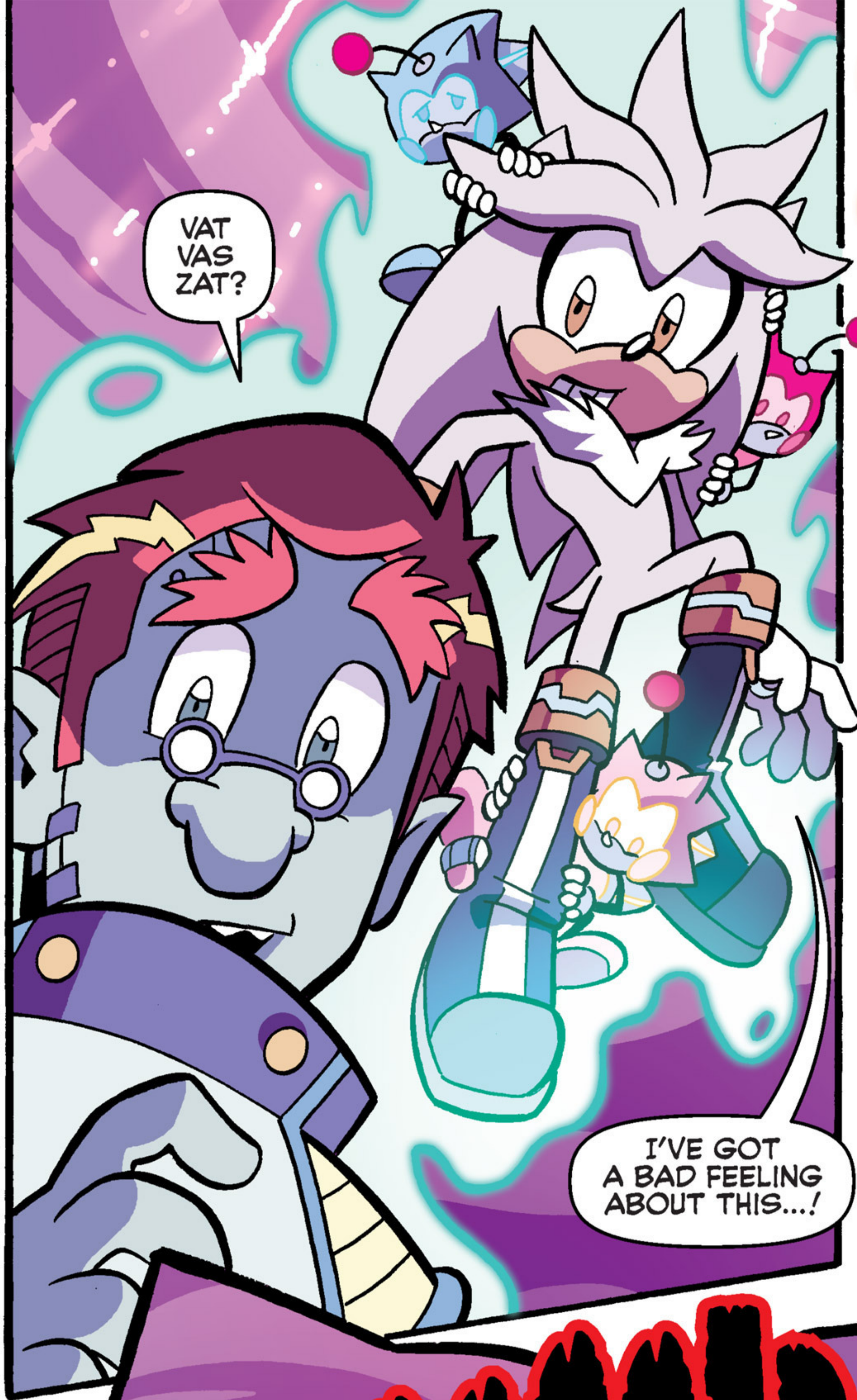
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BROKE--I'M
FREE?!

AAH!

GET
ME OUT,
QUICK!

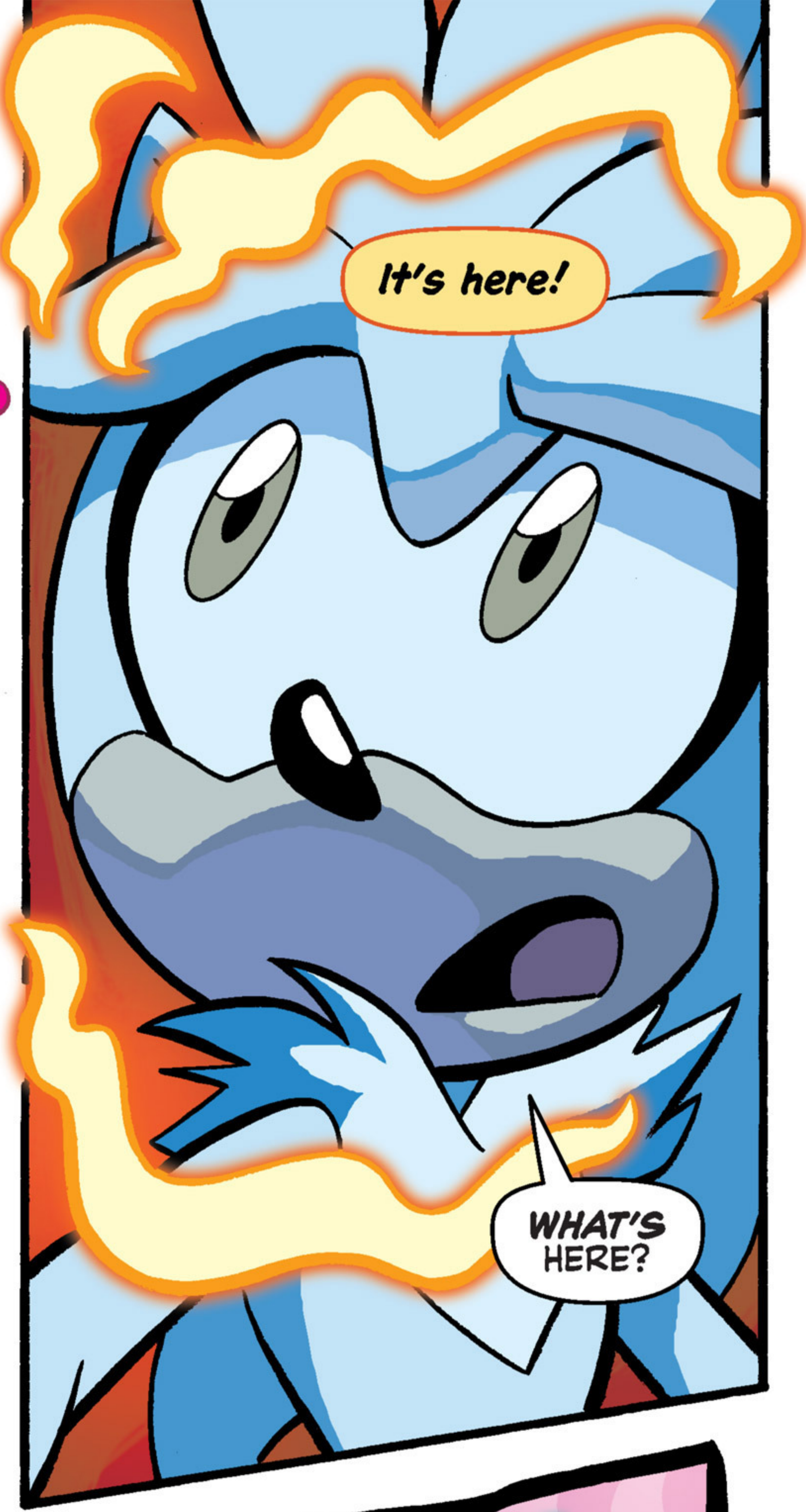






VAT
VAS
ZAT?

I'VE GOT
A BAD FEELING
ABOUT THIS...!



It's here!

WHAT'S
HERE?

GRRROOOOAR



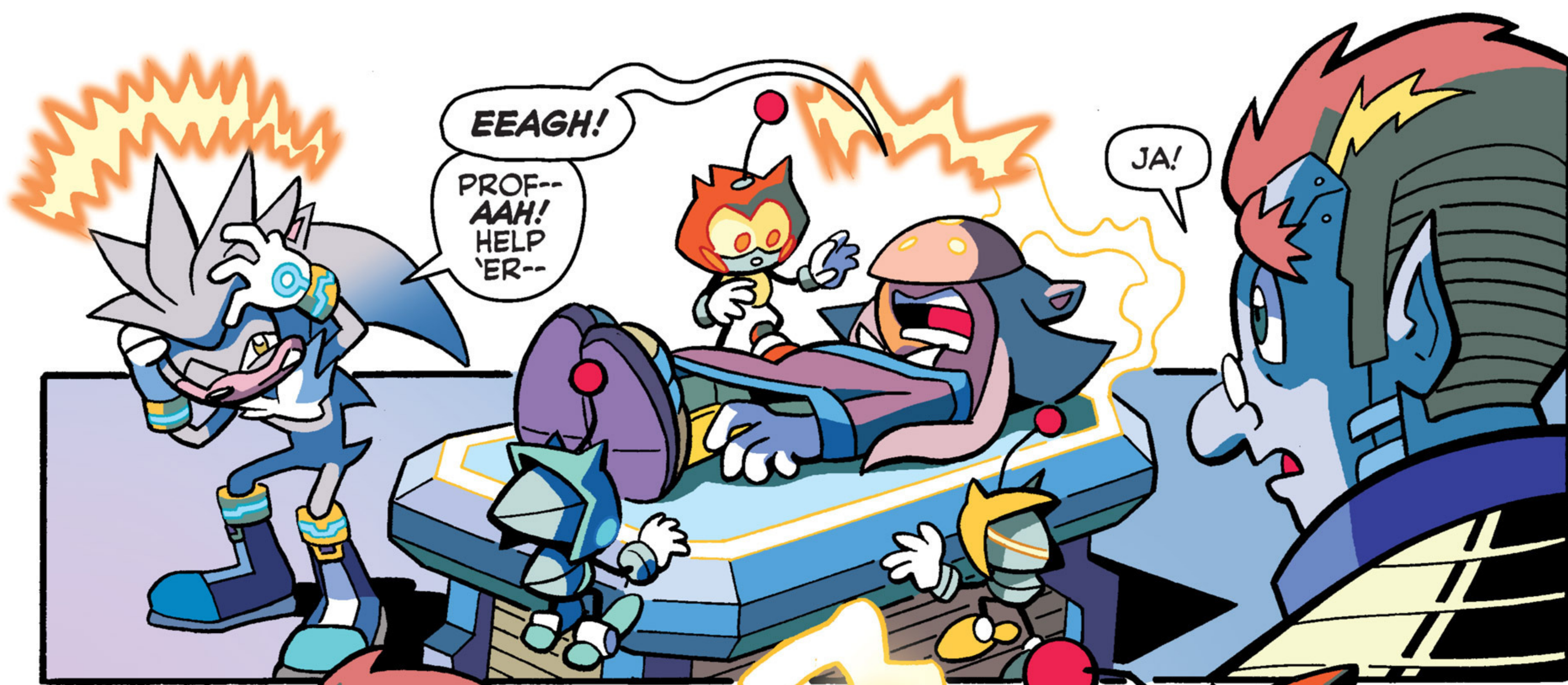
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Wwhoosh





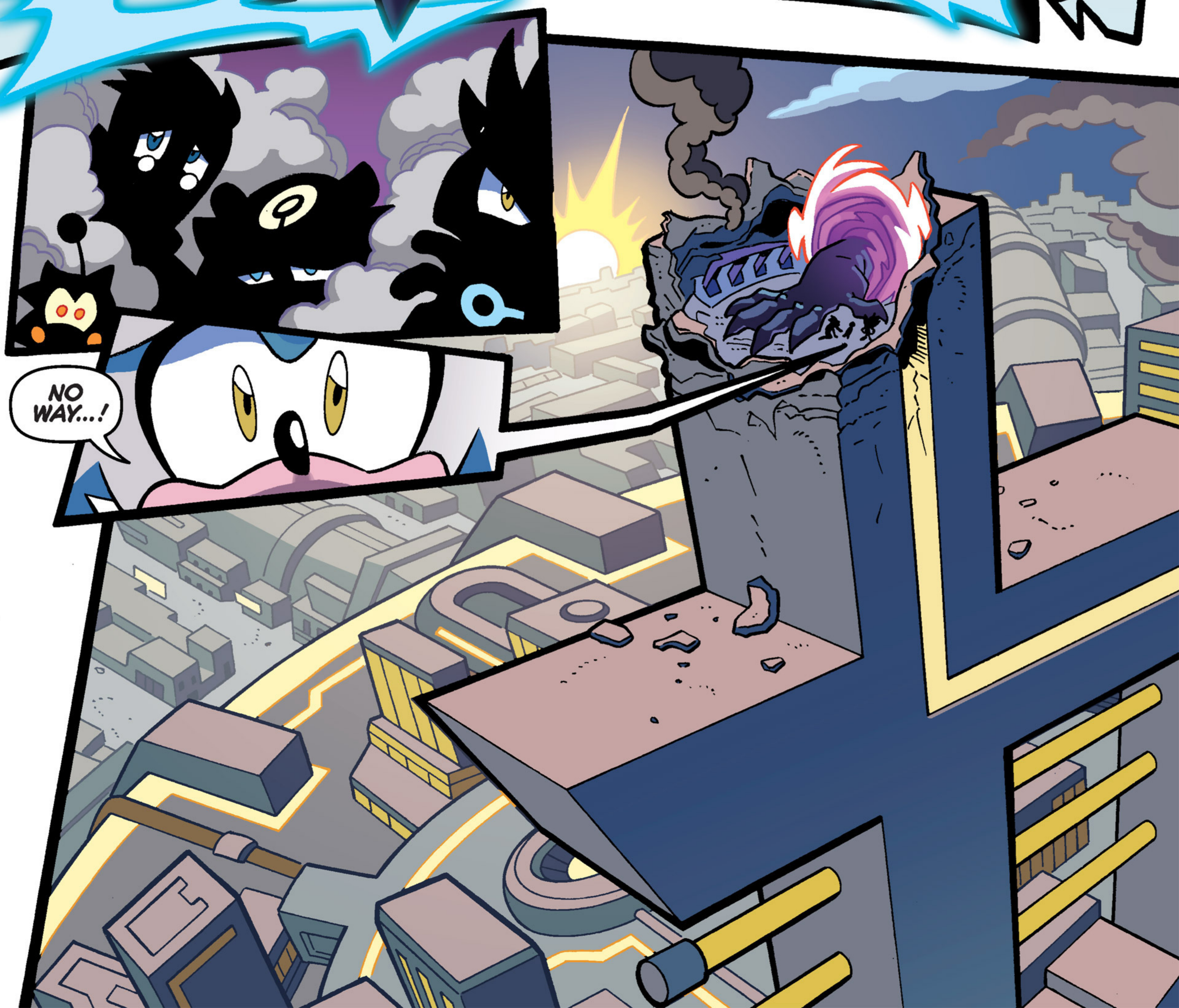


AS IF A **SECOND-RATE**
SCIENTIST AND A PAIR
OF **FREAKS** COULD--

NO...

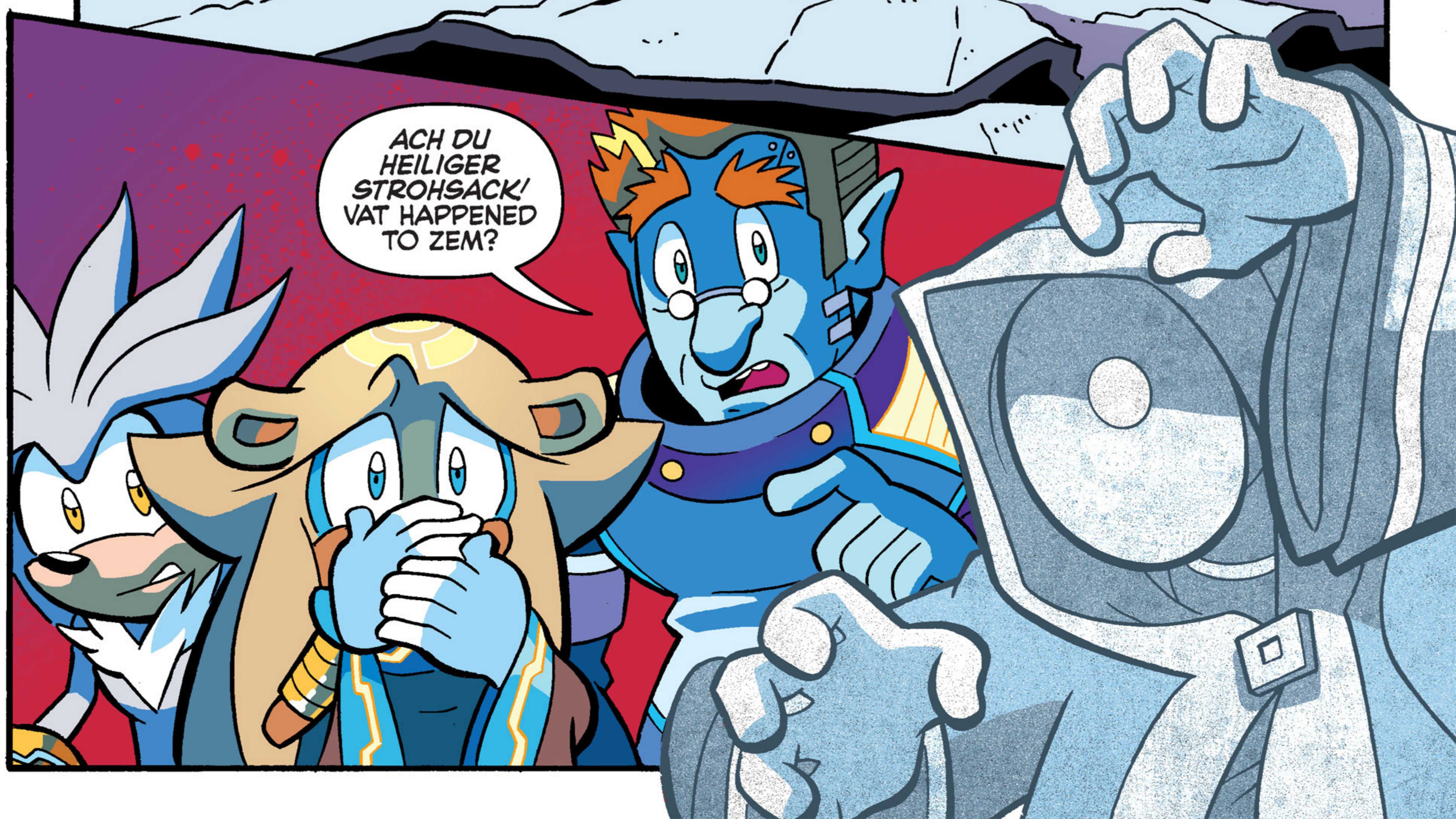
"NO"?

Oh.

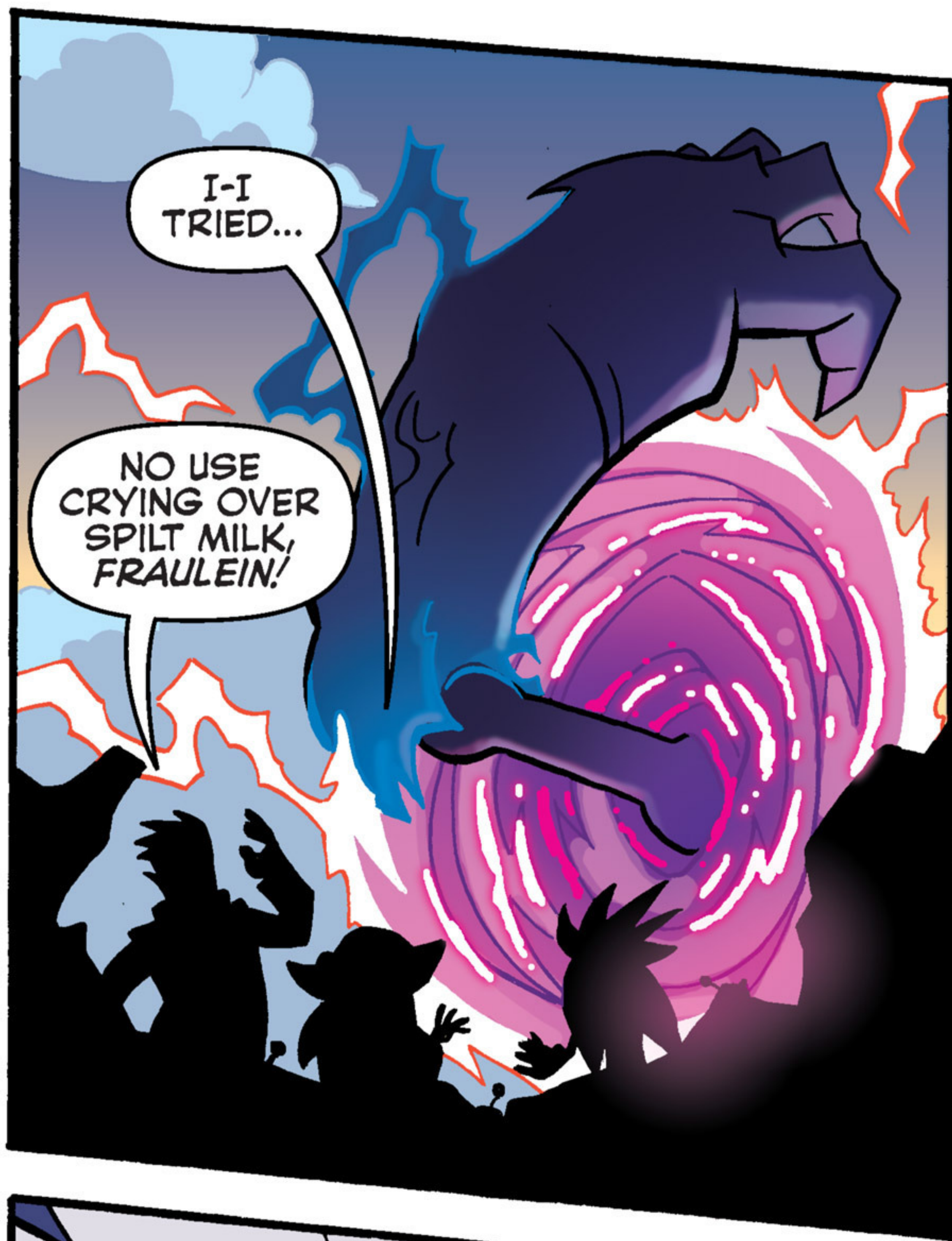




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COUNCIL...

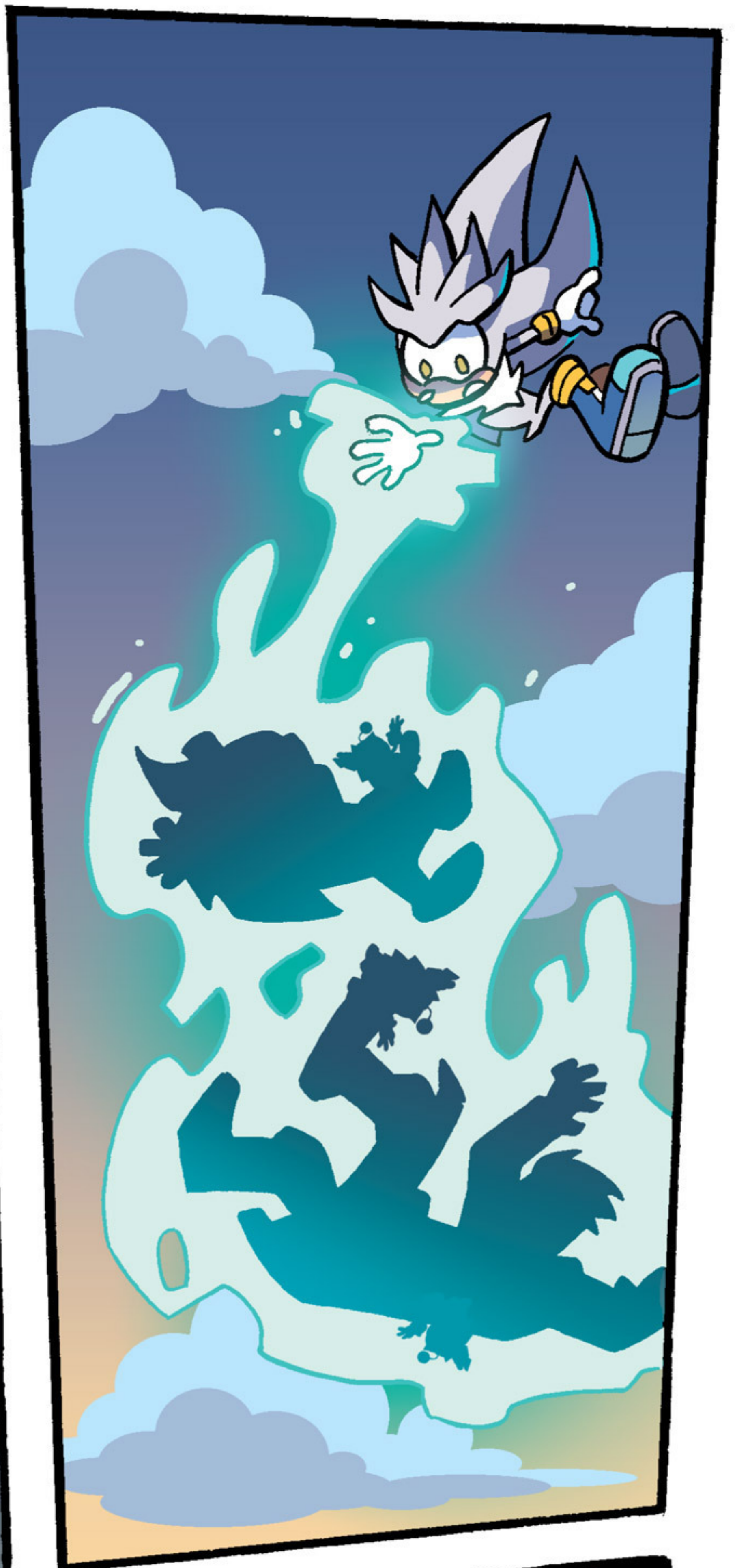
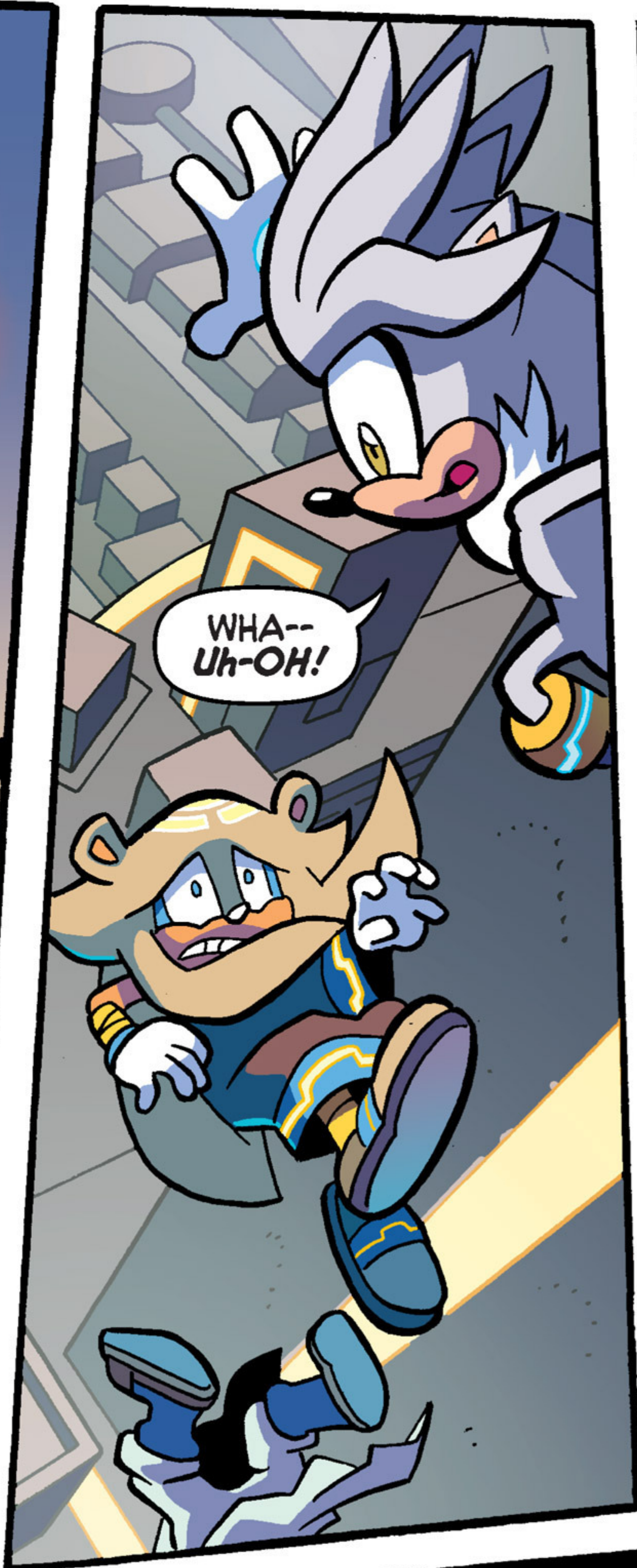
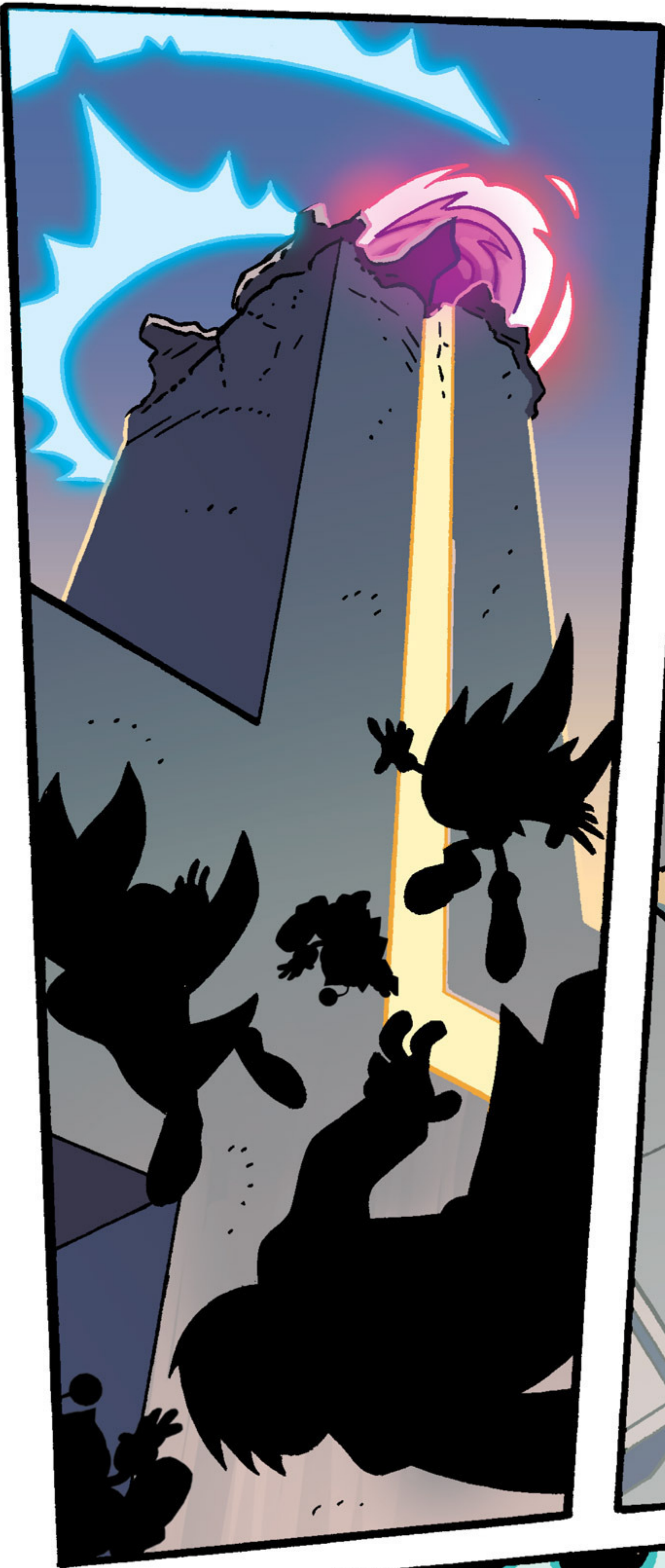


ACH DU
HEILIGER
STROHSACK!
VAT HAPPENED
TO ZEM?



THIS ISN'T GOOD! WE GOTTA--



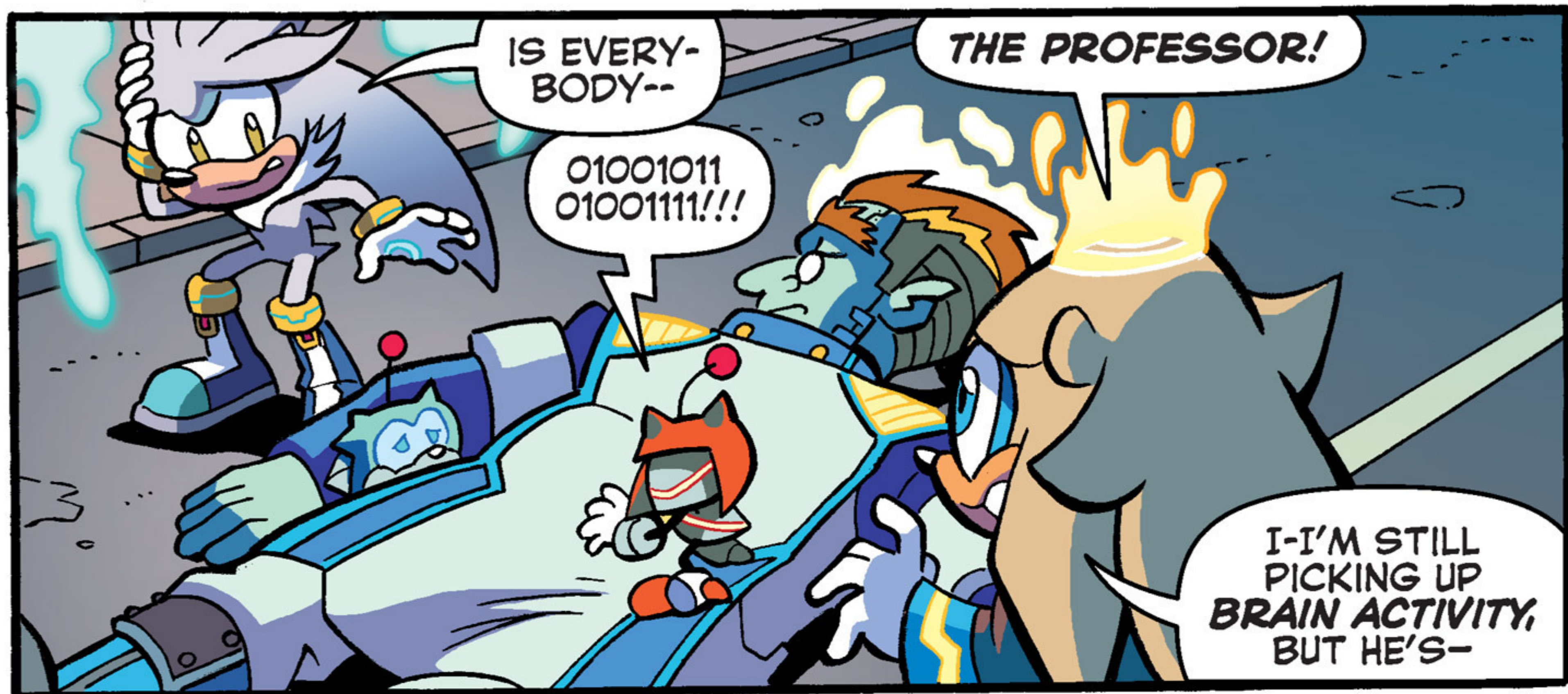
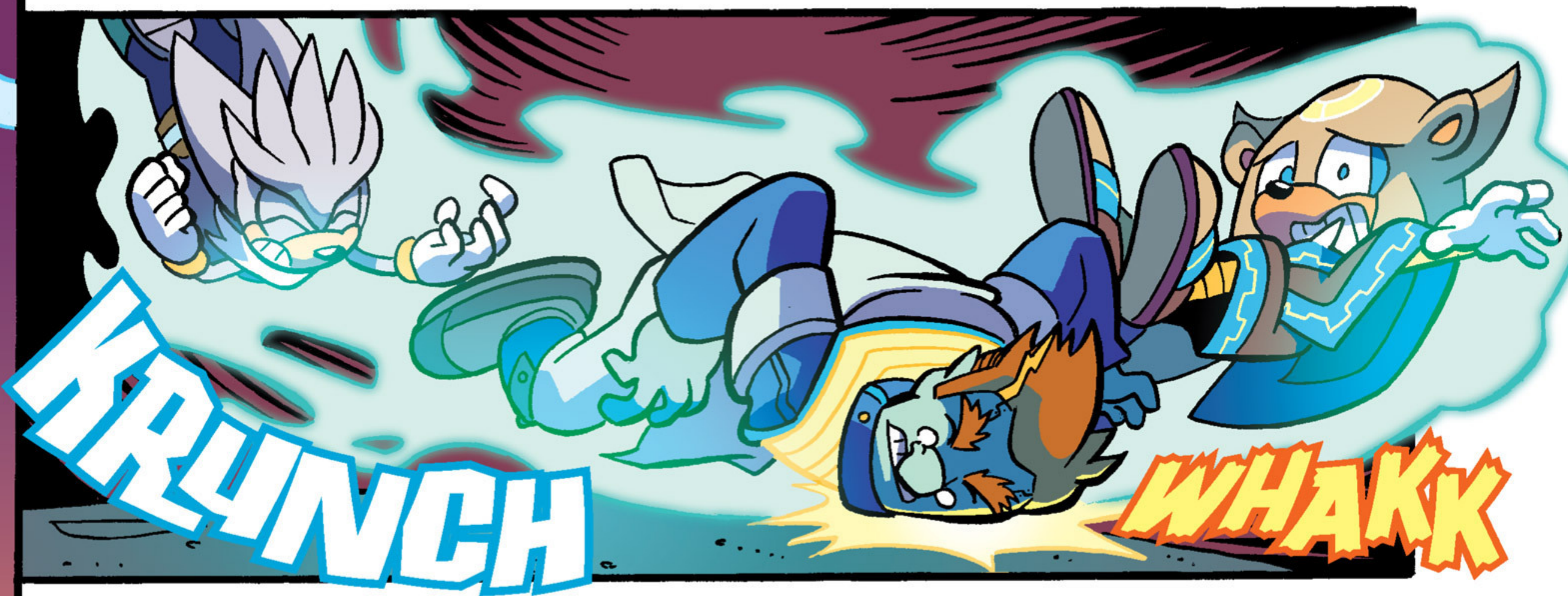
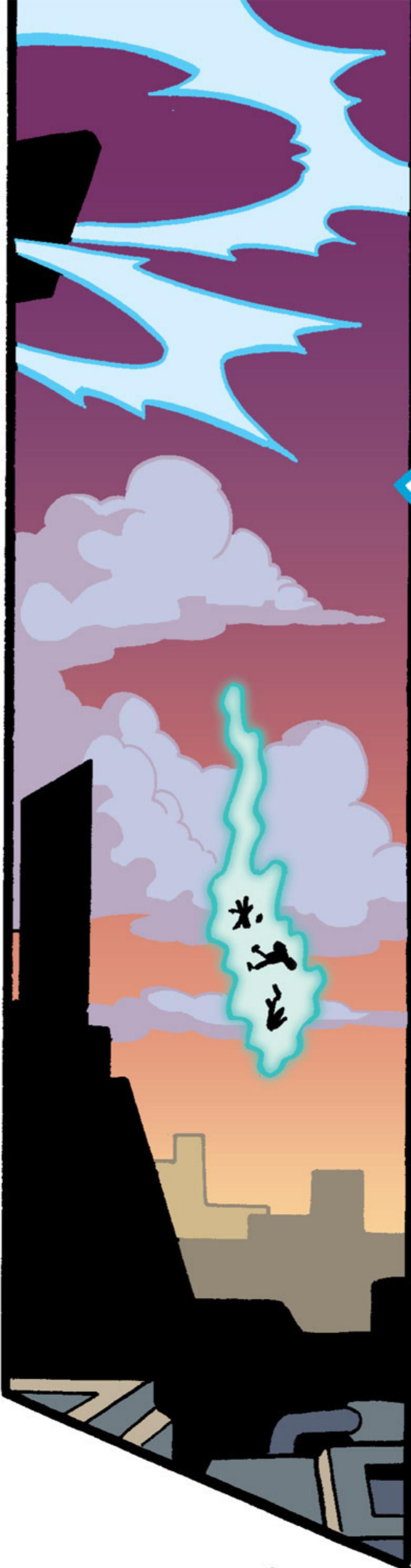


...PLEASE
DON'T HIT ME
WITH ONE OF
THOSE PSYCHIC
WHAMMIES RIGHT
NOW!



SECOND
DEVOURER
CONSUMER
OF WORLDS

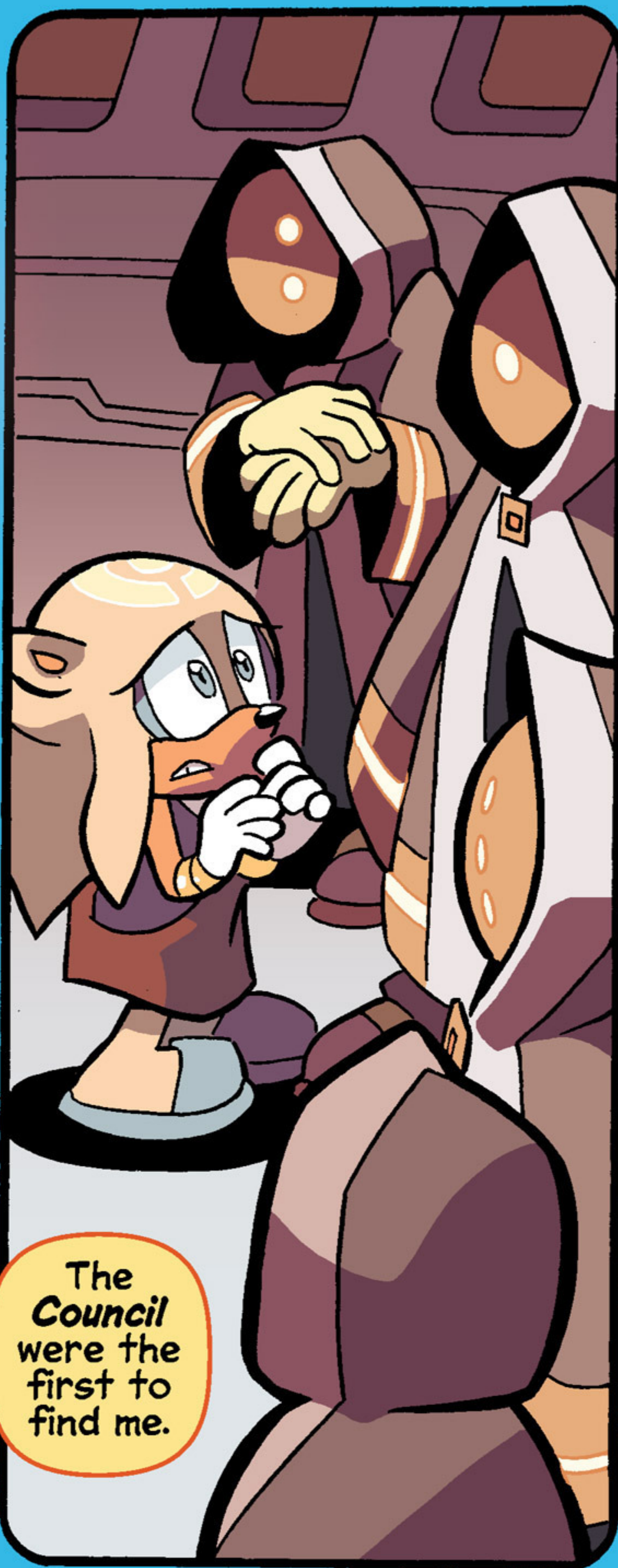
GRRROOOOAAAARRR







I had no idea where I would end up.



The **Council** were the first to find me.

Over time, they outfitted me, trained me.



They said that they'd *take care* of me...



But they just wanted to keep a tight leash on their newest *toy*.



It was
all I could
do to keep
them from
taking my
mind,
too.



WE
CAN'T
STOP IT.
IT'S NO
USE.

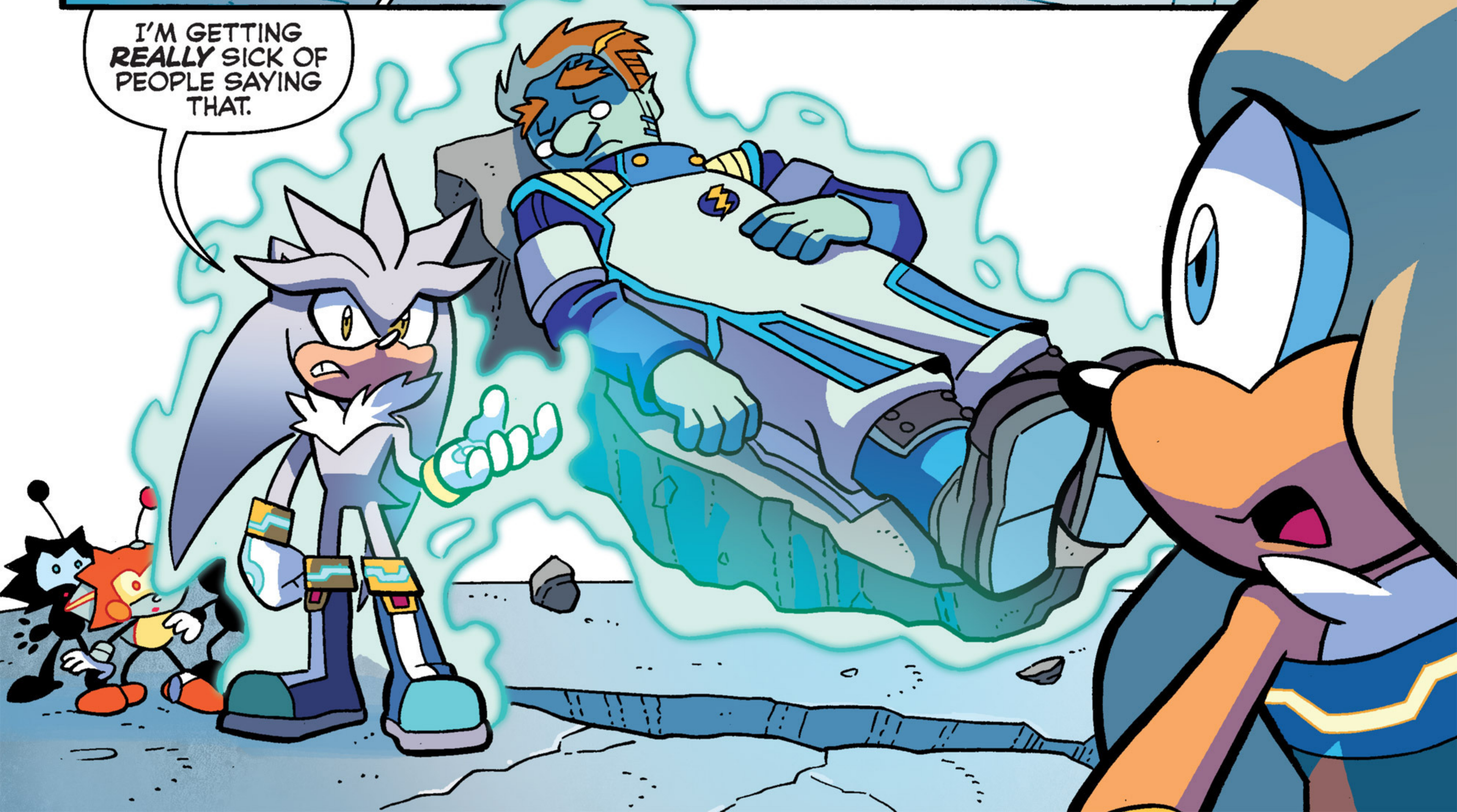


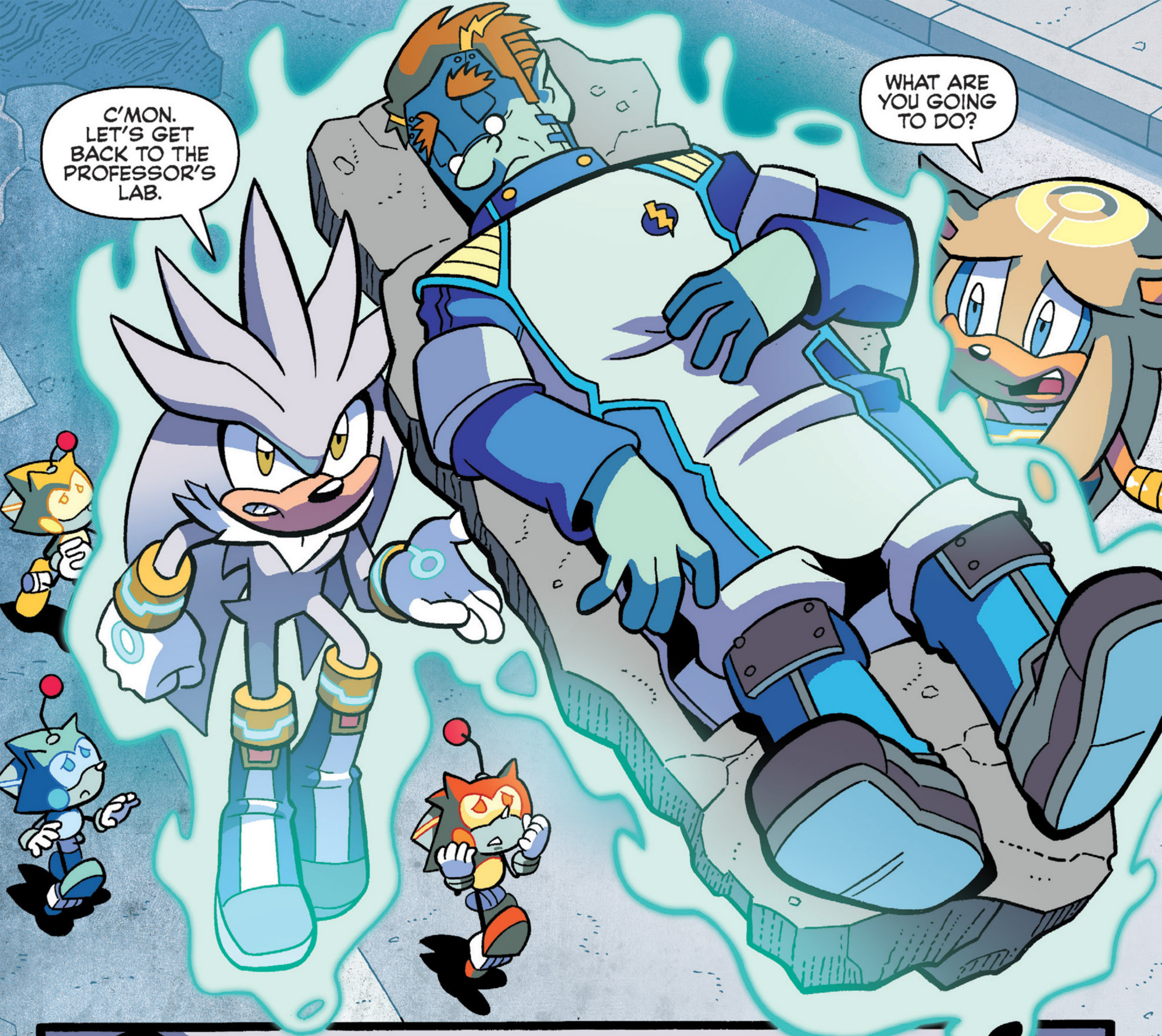
"IT'S NO
USE"...

Huh?

KRUNCH

I'M GETTING
REALLY SICK OF
PEOPLE SAYING
THAT.





C'MON.
LET'S GET
BACK TO THE
PROFESSOR'S
LAB.

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?

I'M
GONNA
FIX
THIS.

FIX THIS? BUT HOW?! NEXT TIME, GET READY FOR THE BIG FINALE!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's been "silver aged" to perfection!

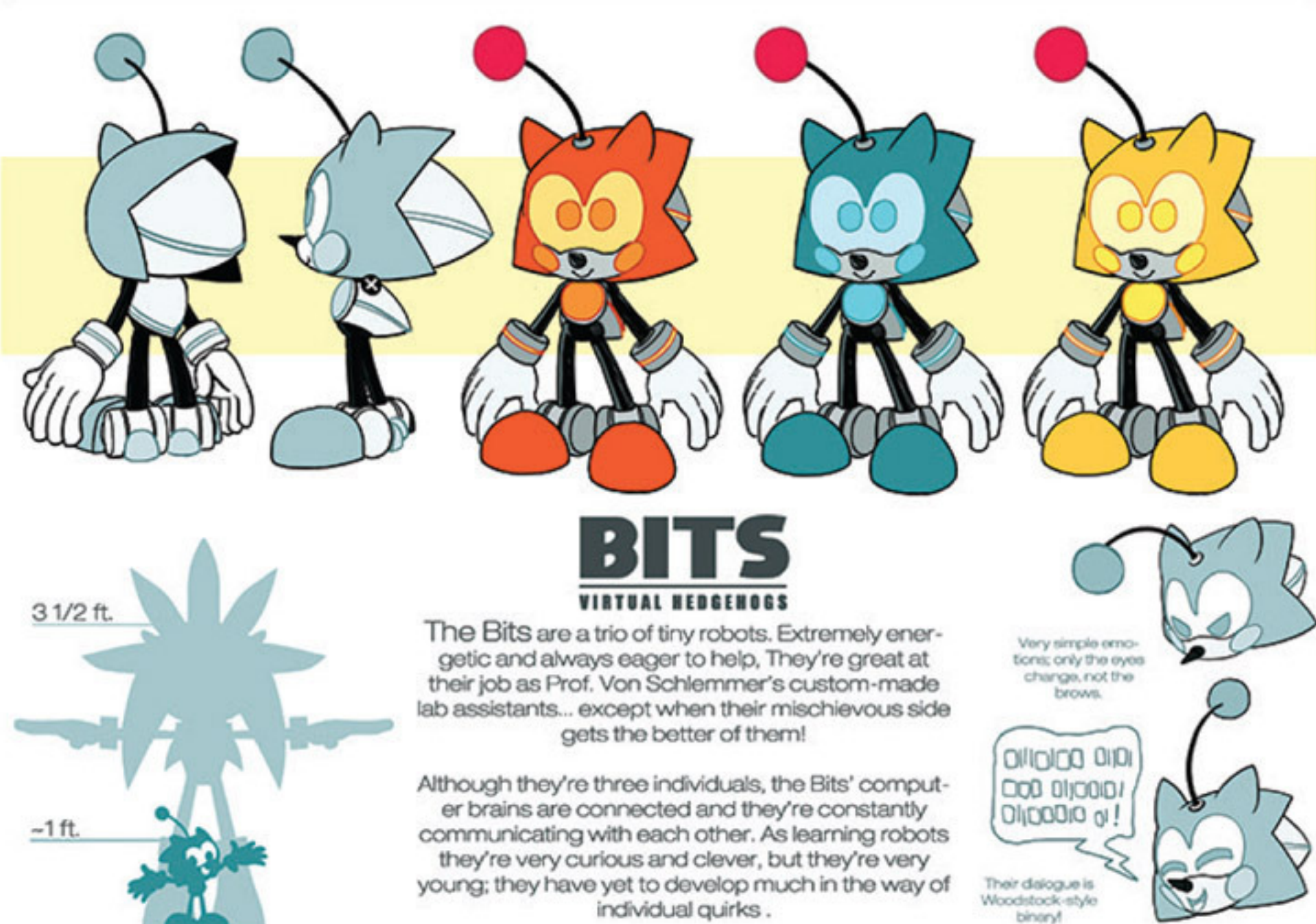
BELOW: Adam Bryce Thomas' model sheet for Prof. Von Schlemmer's first appearance in the 2015 *Sonic Free Comic Book Day* issue.



BELOW: Evan Stanley's model sheet for Gold the Tenrec's first appearance in *Sonic Universe* #80. Note the height difference shown in the bottom left.



BELOW: Evan Stanley's model sheet for the Bits' first appearance. The Bits are loosely based on the virtual hedgehog simulator part of *Sonic Colors*.



Hey, Sonic fans!

Holy hedgehogs! How crazy was that issue? The **Second Devourer** is terrifying, and even more so now that it's on the loose!

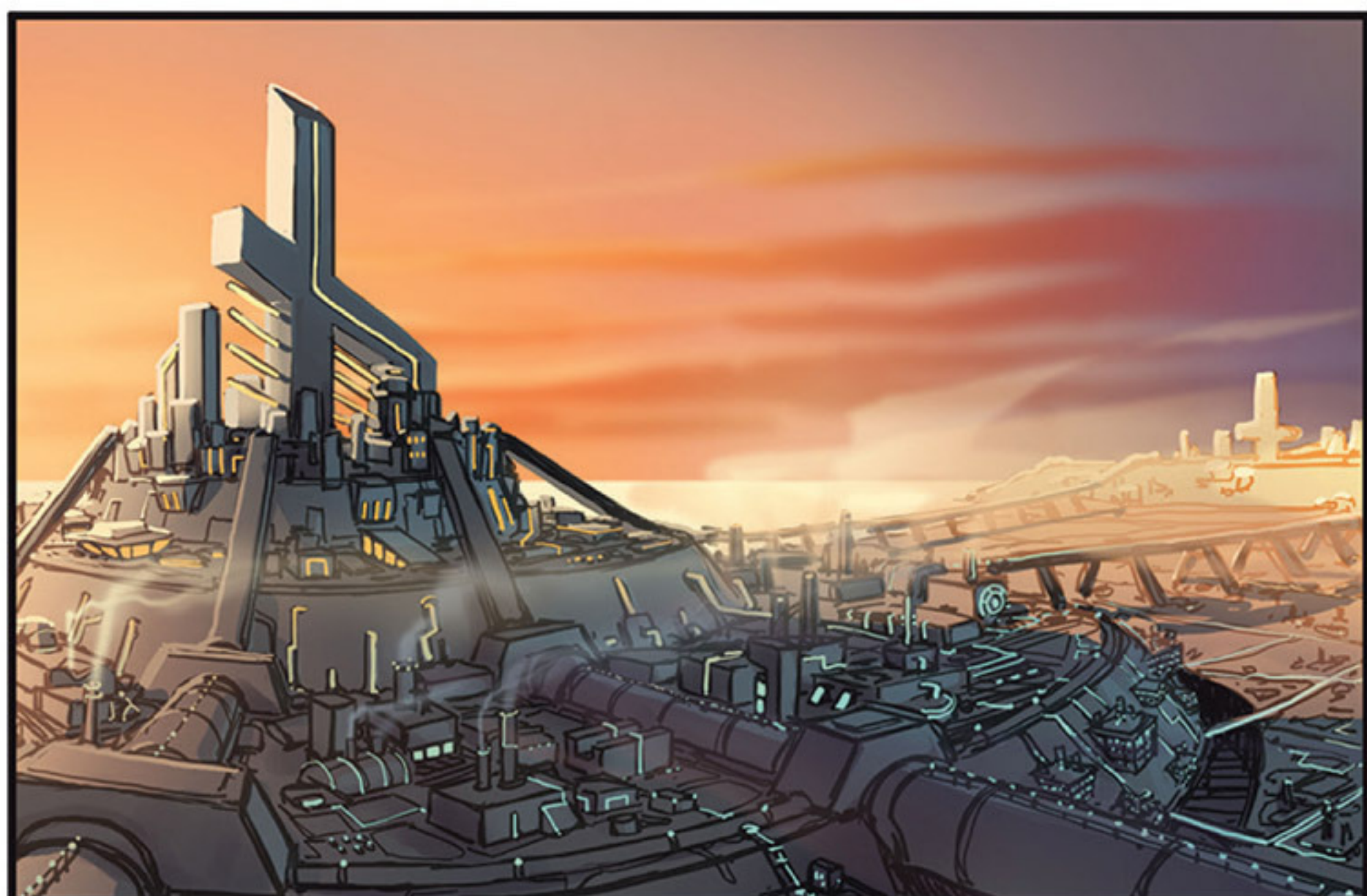
Tracy Yardley and the the whole *Universe* team did a great job playing up the ominous aspects of this issue. In fact, the characters and location of the entire "Silver Age" story have a pretty mysterious and dark feel to them. Writer **Evan Stanley** put a lot of thought into incorporating those themes into her writing and when designing the new characters featured in this story. Take a look behind the scenes and into the past with these production illustrations and references for the "Silver Age"!

Pretty cool, huh? Well there's more where that came from, but not 'til next time!

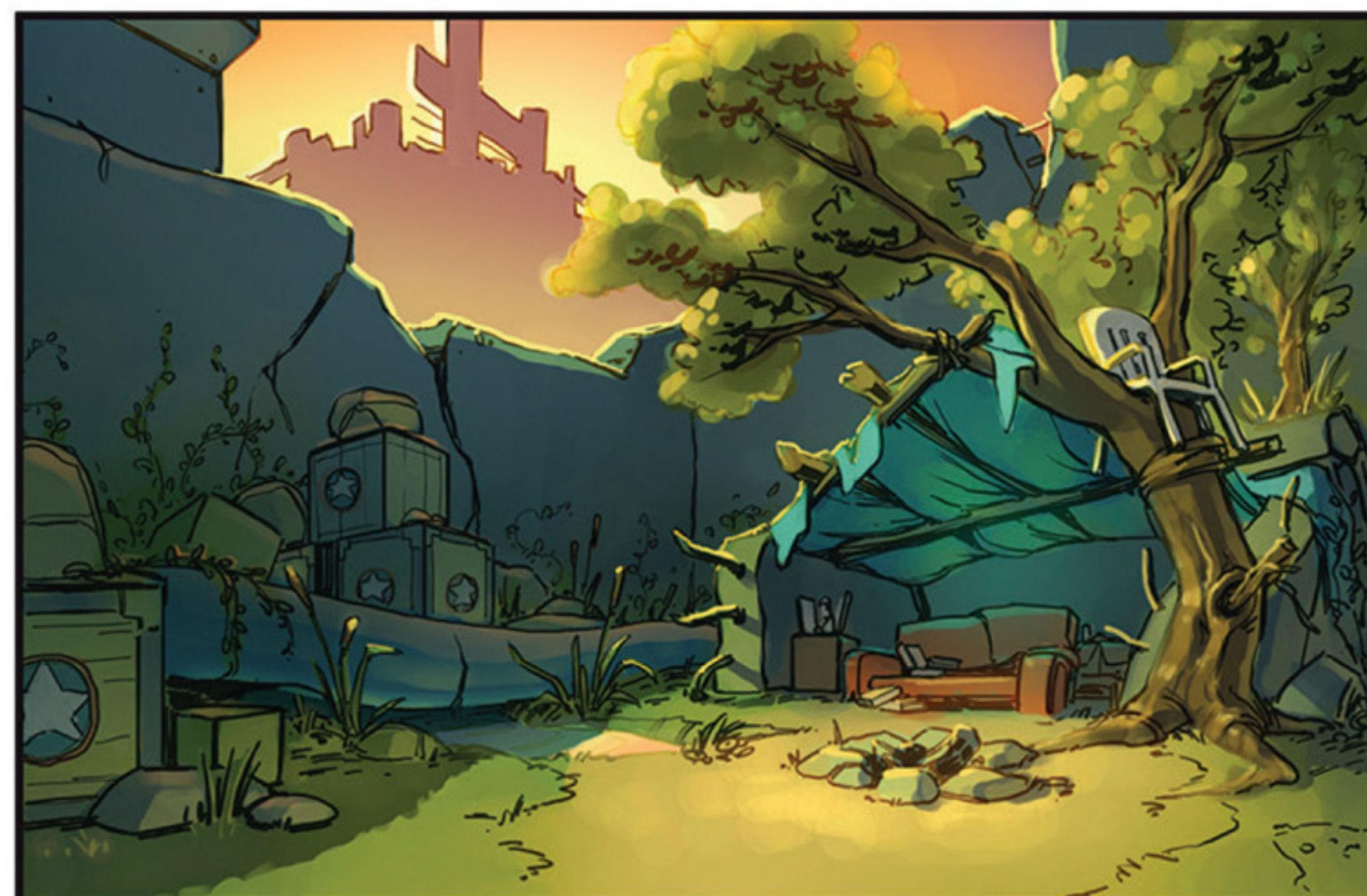
See y'all next month in *Sonic Universe* #82 for the **BIG** "Silver Age" finale!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor

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ABOVE: Evan Stanley's design concept for Onyx City. Introduced in *Sonic Universe* #79, its eerie, sunset setting is where "The Silver Age" takes place.



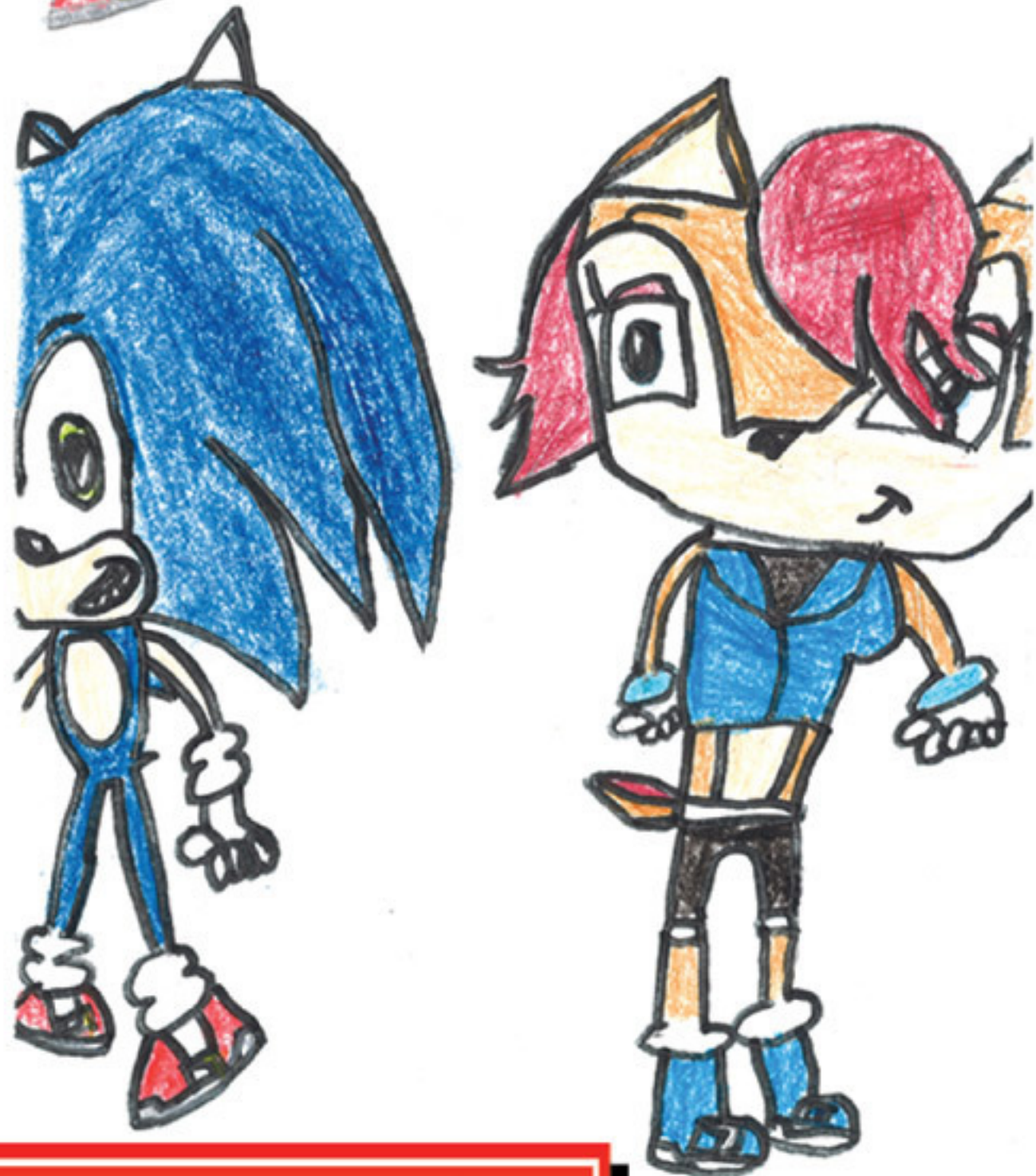
ABOVE: Evan Stanley's design concept for Silver's hideaway. Introduced in *Sonic Universe* #79, this is where Silver practices his powers in secret.

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TODAY'S EPISODE:
PSYCHIC PROBLEMS!
Accidental Telepathy?

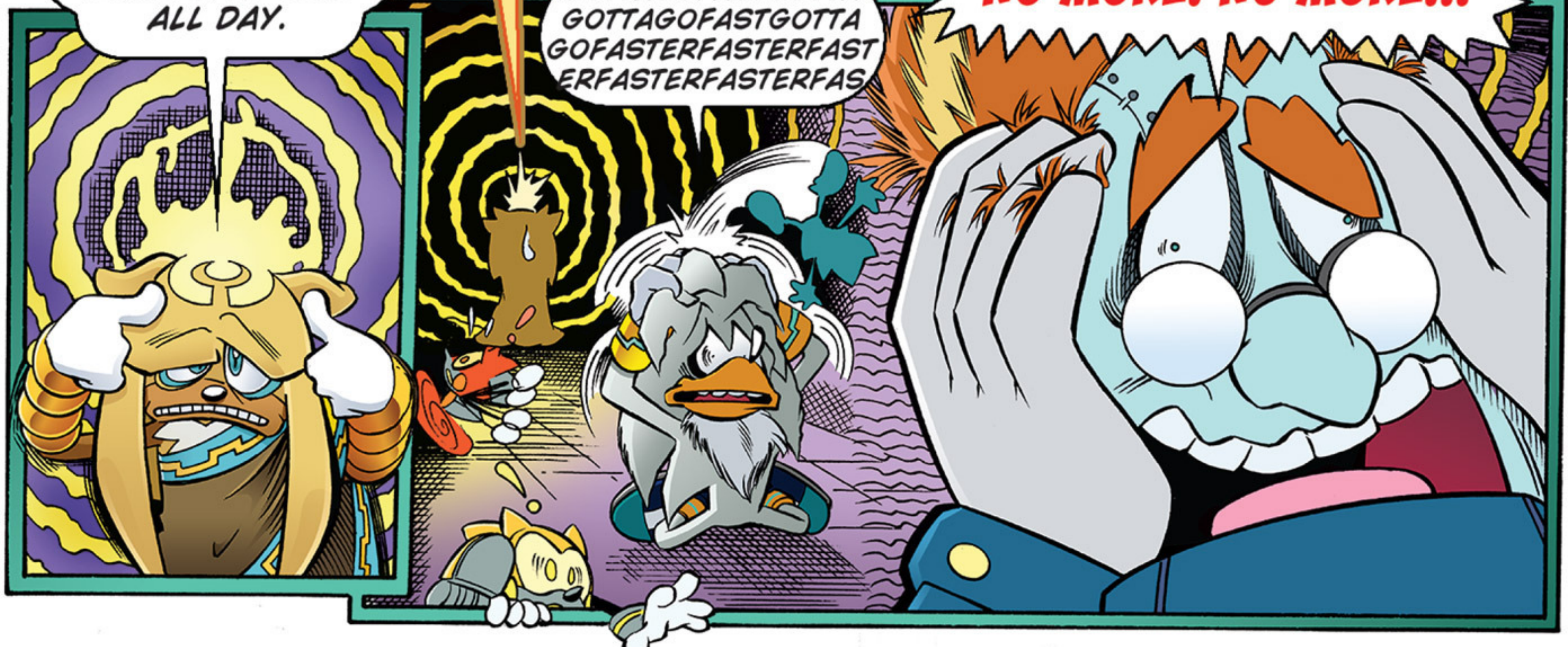


UGH... I'VE HAD THIS
ANNOYING SONG
STUCK IN MY HEAD
ALL DAY.

Gotta go Fast! Gotta go Fast!
Gotta go Faster Faster Faster
Faster Faster Faster

GOTTAGOFASTGOTTA
GOTTAGOFASTGOTTA
GOFASTERFASTERFAST
ERFASTERFASTERFAS

NEIN! NEIN! STOP IT!
NO MORE! NO MORE!!!



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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
 I have questions about Silver!

And I'm just the letter column answerer super buddy-fella-pal to tackle your serious questions with equally "serious" answers!

1) Who are Silver's parents?

*Nobody knows... **wiggles fingers and makes dark, ominous noises***

Some say Silver has no parents! Others say he slunk from the primordial ooze! Some even say he came from a future timeline to stop the Androids from... wait, that's another story entirely, nevermind!

2) Are his parents still alive in the future?

Of course not! It's the far future so, naturally, they haven't been born yet!

3) How did Silver get his powers?

He was bitten by a radioactive psychic.

4) What are your thoughts on Silver?

I prefer bismuth. Its naturally occurring geometric rock designs speak to me.

5) Who do you like the most out of Sonic, Shadow and Silver?

Knuckles.

6) I think Silver and Blaze should be a couple!

Don't you think that both of them are super cute together?

From Silver's biggest fan
 Keira R. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Not at all, Keira. Now Shadow & Amy—those two are a cute couple! I do wonder what their "shipping name" would be though... Shadamy? Amadow? Shadose? Shamy? Sheboygan? Shamalamadingdong? Sha—

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I've been the biggest Sonic fan geek since I was 8. The comic books really compliment the Blue Blur. I've been collecting issues since June 2012 and I'm still picking them up! My favorite pencil artist is Tracy Yardley! His pencil drawings look almost identical to the games. My favorite female character is Amy Rose. She is the best fashionable, hammer-swinging pink hedgehog out there! Just as awesome as Sonic the Hedgehog! Keep up the good work, Archie Comics!

The biggest #1 Sonic fan
 you can imagine
 Ashley W. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

*Thank you for your kind letter, Ashley! It's fans like you that keep us motivated!
 We hope you enjoy everything to come!*

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I love your comics! They are 900,000,000,000,000,000,000 times better than anything else on the shelves! Please give my regards to Tracy Yardley and Ian Flynn!

Wow! That is some high praise! Tracy and Ian are great guys with amazing talent and skill! I'm sure they'll appreciate the well-wishes and cheers from super fans like you!

I have a few questions for you. First, when were the Freedom Fighters redesigned and where was Sally deroboticized?

Their new designs, along with the new universe, were a direct result of the reality-breaking Super Genesis Wave, shown at the end of the Worlds Collide crossover available now in 3 graphic novel volumes! The FF's reintroduction was covered in Sonic the Hedgehog vol. 1 "Countdown to Chaos," also available now!

What species are Sally and King Acorn?

Sally is a chipmunk (note the stripe on her back that goes down to her tail) and her dad, King Acorn, is a squirrel.

Lastly, wasn't Bunnie flesh and blood thanks to Naugus and what does she mean by "Sho'nuff"? Keep up the awesomeness
 Ben A. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Well, Ben, Bunnie's deroboticization by Naugus was also undone with the Super Genesis Wave and "Sho'nuff" is a southern colloquialism, short for "Sure enough"!

Well... sho'nuff, jus' like that, we'll see y'all next issue! Ain't that a hoot? Hoo-wee!

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